

UTILITY UNIFORM AND INDIVIDUAL COMBAT EQUIPMENT

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TERMINAL LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Given the requirement, wear the utility uniform. The student must properly wear the prescribed uniform, per the reference. (FMST.01.04)
2. Given individual combat equipment (782 gear), rig individual combat equipment components. The student must prepare 782 gear for tactical operations, per the reference. (FMST.01.05)

ENABLING LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Without reference materials, given a list of utility uniform items and a list of ownership marking locations, select the proper marking location for each uniform item, per the student handout. (FMST.01.04a)
2. Without the aid of reference materials, given a list of instructions for care of the camouflage utility uniform, and a list of the components, select the proper care for items listed, per the student handout. (FMST.01.04b)
3. Without the aid of reference materials, given 782 Gear, rig the equipment for field use, per the student handout. (FMST.01.04)

OUTLINE

A. **UTILITY UNIFORM.** Navy personnel assigned to Marine Corps units will wear this uniform. Wearing of the utility uniform does not require compliance with Marine Corps grooming regulations.

B. WEARING OF THE UTILITY UNIFORM.

1. The camouflage utility uniform is designed for field wear and should be loose-fitting and comfortable. Reports of shrinking necessitate the proper fitting of the camouflage utility uniform. The item selected should be fitted loosely to allow for some shrinkage without rendering the garment unusable. Starching or sizing agents may be used on the camouflage utility uniform at the option of the individual. (commands may NOT require that starching or sizing agents be used).

2. The blouse, camouflage, will be worn outside the trousers, not tucked in. At the option of local commanders, sleeves may be rolled up with a three inch fold stopping two inches above the elbow.
3. When combat boots are worn, the trousers will be bloused in a neat and uniform manner.
4. The utility cap provided for Navy personnel shall not be stenciled with the Marine Corps insignia. Only Naval officers and Chief Petty Officers wear the subdued cap device on the utility cap in the area where the Marine Corps insignia is normally stenciled.
5. The Navy black web belt and buckle may be worn with the field (utility) uniform by those enlisted personnel who do not elect to wear Marine Corps service uniforms (brown belt).
6. Navy officer and enlisted personnel may wear the green (Woolly Pulley) or black service sweater with the camouflage utility uniform. The sweater will be worn underneath the utility blouse.
7. Only those Navy enlisted personnel who elect to wear the Marine Corps service uniform will be issued the all weather coat. All other Navy personnel wear the Navy issue black raincoat, or organizational rainwear as issued by the Marine Corps, with the utility uniform.

C. INSIGNIA.

1. Navy enlisted personnel E1-E6 serving as hospital corpsmen, dental technicians, or religious program specialists shall wear the Navy, metal, black insignia of grade, on the right collar in the manner prescribed and the appropriate insignia branch of service (specialty device) on left collar. These insignia will be standard as issued or sold through the Marine Corps exchange. The specialty device is a black shield one inch wide and one inch high with a caduceus in the center. A letter "D" is superimposed on the caduceus to distinguish dental technicians. It shall be placed vertically with the wings of the caduceus up and center of the insignia on a line bisecting an angle of the point of the collar. The lower edge of the insignia shall be equally spaced one-half an inch from either side of the collar.
2. Navy enlisted personnel E7-E9 will wear subdued (black) anchors centered on a line bisecting an angle of the point of the collar. The "S" of the USN shall be equally spaced one inch from either side of the collar.
3. When issued the authorized utility uniforms, the U.S. Navy service tape will be applied directly over the left breast pocket of the utility coat. The individual's last name will be sewn on name-tapes and be placed directly over the right breast pocket of the camouflage blouse and directly over the right rear pocket of the camouflage trousers.

D. **CARE.**

1. No matter how well a uniform fits when it is new, it will lose its shape unless it is given proper care. The following hints may assist you in maintaining your uniforms:
 - a. The blouse should always be kept buttoned. Large or heavy objects should never be carried in the pockets.
 - b. When storing uniforms for a long time, safeguard against moths, mildew and unpleasant odors. Clean and mothproof your uniforms before putting them into storage.
 - c. Spots and stains should be removed from uniforms as soon as possible. Dry cleaning establishments are best qualified to do this. Be sure to tell them what caused the spot in order to facilitate its removal.

E. **MARKING.** Every article of uniform clothing in your possession, except those issued on temporary loan (field jackets, cold weather clothing, etc..) shall be plainly and legibly marked with your name. Marks shall be of a size appropriate to the article of clothing and the space available for marking. Letters will not be more than one-half inch in size. Marking machines, stencils, name tapes, or stamps, may be used. Tape may be used on gloves (names are marked in black, on light colored material and utilities, and in white on dark material). Except on utility shirts, marks will be placed so that they do not show when the clothing is worn. The precise location for marking is not specified **except:**

1. **Duffel bag.** Centered on the outside of the bottom of the bag.
2. **Web belt.** On one side only, near the buckle end.
3. **Utility cap.** Inside, where the name can be easily read.
4. **Coats and overcoats.** Inside the neck-band.
5. **Drawers.**
 - a. Brief style: On the plain waistband, near the front.
 - b. Boxer style: Immediately below the stretch waistband, near the front.
6. **Gloves.** Inside the wrist.
7. **Raincoats.** Inside the neck-band.

8. **Shoes and boots.** Inside, near the top.
9. **Socks.**
 - a. Other than stretch type: Near the top.
 - b. Stretch type: Stamp near the center of the sole, parallel to the bottom edge when folded.
10. **Utility coat (blouse).** Name-tape sewn above right breast pocket, service tape sewn above left breast pocket.
11. **Trousers.** Name-tape sewn above right rear pocket.
12. **Undershirt.** Inside back, below the neck-band.

F. **ITEMS ISSUED.** The following uniforms items are issued to all FMSS students:

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| 1. Combat boots | 1 pair |
| 2. Jungle boots | 1 pair |
| 3. Utility cap (without insignia) | 2 each |
| 4. Camouflage utility blouse | 4 each |
| 5. Camouflage utility trousers | 4 pairs |
| 6. Cushion sole socks | 3 pairs |
| 7. HM/DT collar insignia | 2 each |
| 8. Rank collar insignia | 2 each |
| 9. Name-tapes | 4 sets each |
| 10. Green undershirt | 6 each |

G. **ALL PURPOSE, LIGHTWEIGHT, INDIVIDUAL CARRYING EQUIPMENT (ALICE).**

1. **Description.** The medium pack, designed to carry up to 50 pounds, is generally used by most combat troops. The pack is water repellent but not waterproof. The main flap for covering the loaded pack can be opened by pulling apart the tabs. The camouflage cover or other small flat

object can be stored in it. Simply pressing the flap together seals it. Equipment hangers (webbed loops and webbing with eyelets) for use with sidekeepers and/or hooks are provided on sides of the pack and above the pockets for carrying equipment on the outside of the pack.

H. **CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE.** Water-repellent treated nylon duck and webbing were used for all the fabric items of equipment. The entrenching tool carried is molded of Ethylenevinyl Acetate. The pack frame and cargo shelf are fabricated from aluminum with solid steel rivets in certain stress areas. The equipment is cleaned by removing mud or other foreign matter with a brush, damp, or dry cloth, or by scrubbing the exceedingly dirty areas using the following procedures:

1. Remove loose dirt from soiled surfaces using a cloth or soft brush.
2. Wet the surface and apply a warm solution of detergent. Scrub with soft brush, cloth or sponge. **DO NOT WASH IN WASHING MACHINES.**
3. "Field expedient" maintenance is limited to the repair of damaged or loose stitching by hand sewing or taping and replacement of damaged or missing keepers on suspenders, small arms ammunition case, field first-aid dressing case, entrenching tool carrier, and water canteen cover.

I. **FIGHTING LOAD COMPONENTS.**

1. **Individual equipment belt.**

- a. **Use.** The individual equipment belt is designed to carry the ammunition case, field first-aid dressing case, butt pack, and canteen cover.
- b. **Fitting.** The belt is issued in medium and large sizes so that it can be adjusted to fit over all layers of outer clothing, including the complete cold dry ensemble and the armor vest. If your bare waist measures less than 30 inches, wear the medium size. If your bare waist measures 30 inches or more, use the large size.

2. **Individual equipment belt suspenders.**

- a. **Use.** The belt suspenders will support the individual equipment belt when the appropriate components are attached to the belt. Web band metal loops are provided on each suspender strap for attachment of small items such as the first aid kit, compass case or flashlight.
- b. **Fitting.** The suspenders are issued in one size only, but are adjustable.

3. **Small arms ammunition cases.** Each of the two cases hold three 30-round magazines (M16A2 rifle). The cases have fragmentation grenade pockets on each side and a plastic fastener that can be opened and closed with one hand.
 4. **Butt pack.** Holds extra gear such as socks, one MRE, foot powder, and note taking gear.
 5. **Canteen cover.** Use each of the canteen covers to carry the plastic water canteens and metal cup. The covers have a small pocket attached for carrying water purification tablets.
- I. **ASSEMBLY OF FIGHTING LOAD COMPONENTS.** The procedure for assembling the fighting load components of the all-purpose lightweight individual carrying equipment (ALICE) is described below.
1. **Fit and adjust the belt.** Try on the individual equipment belt and determine the length needed for a snug, not tight fit.
 2. Then, at each end of the belt, proceed as follows:
 - a. Slide the two metal keepers away from the buckle and adjusting clamp.
 - b. Unlock the adjusting clamp by spreading apart the looped webbing.
 - c. Slide the adjusting clamp toward the belt buckle to loosen the belt and away from the belt buckle to tighten it.
 - d. Squeeze the adjusting clamp to lock the belt in place; then slide the metal keepers so that one is next to the adjusting clamp and the other is next to the belt buckle. Each adjusting clamp should be about the same distance from the belt buckle.
 - e. Attach the ammunition cases to the belt.
 - f. Attach one ammunition case to the left side of the belt next to the belt buckle and the other to the right side of the belt next to the buckle. To do this, proceed as follows:
 - 1) Pull down on the loose end of each strap to tighten (raise the belt) or lift the end of each strap buckle to loosen (lower belt).
 - 2) Secure the loose ends of the straps with the elastic loops.

NOTE: Although you can adjust the back suspender strap yourself, it is easier using the buddy system.

REFERENCES

Care and Use of Individual Clothing and Equipment, FM 2115

Individual Clothing Allowance, MCO P101020.28E. 14 JUN 82.

